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This Office Action is in response to the Supplemental Amendment filed on 9-24-04. No new time period is set in this response.

Drawings

The drawings of Figures 1a and 1b submitted on 9-24-04 have been considered and are of sufficient quality to comply with the requirements. As such, those two drawings have been entered into the application. However, the drawings remain objected to because of the reasons cited in previous office actions. New formal drawings are still required.

Conclusion

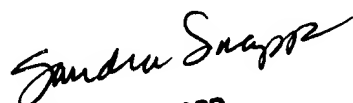
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